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CONSTITUTION
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ARTICLE I.
Organization

SECTION 1—The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts shall consist of the following officers and members, whose rank and title shall be as herein set forth,—to wit:

1. M.·.E.·.GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2. R.·.E.·.DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST
3. R.·.E.·.GRAND KING
4. R.·.E.·.GRAND SCRIBE
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16. E.·.GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN
17. E.·.GRAND MASTERS OF THE VEILS
18. E.·.GRAND STEWARDS
19. COMPANION GRAND TYLER

All of whom, together with the Excellent High Priests, Companions Kings and Scribes of subordinate Chapters, or their proxies, shall be entitled to vote as members of this Grand Chapter, the Grand Tyler excepted.

SECT. 2—No officer or permanent member of the Grand Chapter shall be entitled to more than one vote, unless he be a High Priest, King, Scribe or proxy of such, of a subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE II.

Convocations

SECTION 1—The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts shall hold four Regular Convocations in a year, to wit:—on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December; provided that in case of an emergency, the Convocation in September may, at the discretion of the Grand High Priest, with the approval of a majority of the remaining members of the Council, be changed to another day in the same month.

SECT. 2—The Convocation in December shall be the Annual Convocation at which time the annual reports and business shall be presented and the annual choice of officers shall be made. The Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer and Secretary, shall be elected by ballot. The others shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest so chosen.

SECT. 3—All the officers, if present, shall be duly installed at the Annual Convocation, or as the Grand Chapter may otherwise vote. Provided that any officers who may be absent, at the time of their election or appointment,

shall be duly notified thereof by the Grand Secretary, and should any decline or neglect to accept the office it shall be deemed vacant twenty days preceding the following Regular Convocation and shall be filled by election or appointment, as the case may be, at the aforesaid Regular Convocation.

All other vacancies of office, by resignation or otherwise, shall be filled in a similar manner.

SECT. 4—All Grand Officers at the time of their installation, shall make the following declaration, viz:—

I (A.B.) do solemnly promise and swear, that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, and all other Ancient Masonic usages so far as the same shall come to my knowledge.

ARTICLE III.

Qualifications for Office

SECTION 1—No person shall be eligible to the office of Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, or District Deputy Grand High Priest unless he be a Past High Priest of a subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and no one of the officers here enumerated, shall during his continuance in office be High Priest, King or Scribe of a subordinate Chapter.

SECT. 2—No person shall be eligible to any office except that of Grand Chaplain in this Grand Chapter, unless he be a permanent member thereof, or a member of a subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction.

SECT. 3—No person shall be eligible to the office of Grand High Priest for more than three successive years.

ARTICLE IV.

Duties of Officers

SECTION 1—It is the prerogative and duty of the Grand High Priest generally to exercise, as occasion may require, all the rights appertaining to his high office, in accordance with this Constitution and the usages of Capitular Masonry; he shall annually make a full report of all his official acts to this Grand Chapter.

SECT. 2—The duties of the remaining officers of this Grand Chapter, are such as are appropriate to their respective stations or as may be assigned to them by the Grand High Priest or the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE V.

Trustees

SECTION 1—There shall be a board of Trustees of the Funds of this Grand Chapter, consisting of the Grand Treasurer, and two companions to be elected by ballot for the term of three years, and provided a vacancy shall occur by death, resignation, or any cause, it shall be filled by election at the following Regular Convocation.

SECT. 2—The Board of Trustees shall carefully and judiciously invest the funds in such manner as, in their best judgment shall be safest and most productive, and shall keep the securities and vouchers in a suitable place of deposit, where safety from fire and theft shall be assured.

SECT. 3—The Board of Trustees shall keep a full and accurate record of the investments and income, and at each annual Convocation, they shall submit to the Grand Chapter, a correct statement of the invested funds in detail, showing their exact nature and condition.

ARTICLE VI.

Committees

SECTION 1—The Grand High Priest shall annually appoint an Auditing Committee of three, whose duty it shall be to examine and audit all bills presented against the Grand Chapter, and the accounts, books, vouchers and securities of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Board of Trustees. At the Annual Convocation, they shall report the receipts and expenditures of the past year, with a statement of all funds belonging to the Grand Chapter.

SECT. 2—The Grand High Priest shall appoint annually a Committee on By-Laws, of three members, to whom shall be referred all matters appertaining to the by-laws of subordinate Chapters. They shall report in writing at each Regular Convocation, recommending such action as they may deem advisable.

No by-law of any subordinate Chapter, shall be valid or become operative until the same shall be approved by the Grand Chapter.

SECT. 3—The Grand High Priest shall appoint annually a Committee on Jurisdiction, to whom shall be referred all matters appertaining to the jurisdiction of the several Chapters. They shall report to the Grand Chapter any changes or revisions they may deem advisable. No change of jurisdiction shall be valid or become operative, until the same shall be approved by the Grand Chapter.

SECT. 4—Other Committees that may be found necessary, or desirable, shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest, unless otherwise voted by the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE VII.

District Deputies and Grand Lecturers

SECTION 1—The Grand High Priest shall form the Chapters under this jurisdiction into districts, for each of which he shall annually appoint a District Deputy Grand High Priest, and commission him under the Seal of the Grand Chapter, attested by the Grand Secretary, which commission shall be in force until the conclusion of the Annual Convocation in December, and no longer.

SECT. 2—Each District Deputy Grand High Priest shall visit the Chapters in his district, and inspect their Charter, By-laws, Records, Book of Marks, and mode of work, once a year at least, and before the first day of December. For necessary expenses in making such visitations he shall be reimbursed by the Grand Chapter.

SECT. 3—The Grand High Priest shall annually appoint one or more discreet and well informed companions as Grand Lecturers, whose duty it shall be, when requested by any subordinate Chapter, to visit and instruct it in the standard work of this Grand Chapter; and the Chapter so employing him, shall make him a reasonable compensation for his services. It shall also be their duty, with such assistants as they may require, to rehearse the lectures and exemplify the work of the several Chapter Degrees on the day of the Annual Convocation in December, that the officers of the subordinate Chapters may be fully acquainted therewith, and dispense the knowledge of them in a uniform and regular manner, in their several Chapters.

The system and ritual established by the Grand Chapter, and taught by the Grand Lecturer, shall be the standard for the regulation of all Chapters under this

jurisdiction, and no alteration shall be made in the work or lectures without permission of the Grand Chapter.

SECT. 4—District Exemplifications shall be held in every District under this Grand Jurisdiction at least once in two years, the Grand High Priest granting a dispensation therefor: and it shall be the duty of the Deputy of the District to make all necessary arrangements for holding the same. The officers of every Chapter in the District shall be required to take part in the work.

The Grand Chapter shall pay the Grand Lecturer for his services at a District Exemplification, all other expenses to be paid by the Chapters in the District where the Exemplification is held.

ARTICLE VIII.

Grand Chapter Seal

SECTION 1—The Seal of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts shall be a circle, two and one-sixteenth inches in diameter; on the upper outer circle the words "Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts"; on the lower outer circle the date "March 13, 1798", with small Latin crosses between the upper and lower wording.

Within an inner circle of triple triangles, the breastplate, surmounted by a Jewish mitre; on the dexter side the pot and rod, and on the sinister side, the Book of the Law, all of proper color.

ARTICLE IX.

Grand Chapter Regulations

SECTION 1—In the absence of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe,

it shall be the duty of the senior Past Officer of those grades respectively, to preside; and in case of the absence of all the past officers, the High Priest of the oldest Chapter present shall preside.

SECT. 2—Every member of this Grand Chapter, and representative thereto, must appear properly clothed as a Royal Arch Mason. The officers of subordinate Chapters must appear clothed in their proper jewels.

SECT. 3—All motions made in the Grand Chapter, the determination of which may require to be recorded, shall be handed in writing to the Grand Secretary, who shall present them to the presiding officer for the time being.

SECT. 4—The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall receive for their services such compensation as this Grand Chapter may by vote determine.

SECT. 5—The Grand Secretary shall deliver diplomas only on the written order of the Secretary of the Chapter for whose use they are intended.

SECT. 6—The High Priest of any Chapter under this jurisdiction who has faithfully discharged his duties, and complied with the laws of the Grand Chapter, may at the end of his first year of service, or at a later period, be presented with a Past High Priest's Diploma, by the Grand High Priest, or when duly authorized, by the District Deputy Grand High Priest, or a Past High Priest.

ARTICLE X.

General Regulations Governing Subordinate Chapters

SECTION 1—Every petition for a Charter to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, within the jurisdiction of

this Grand Chapter, shall be signed by at least nine regular Royal Arch Masons, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

Such petition shall be countersigned by the District Deputy Grand High Priest, within whose district the new Chapter is proposed to be located.

The Grand High Priest may grant his Dispensation for the same, to be in force not exceeding twelve months, and during that time the members of said Chapter shall be examined with regard to their ability to confer the several degrees, and to maintain and support a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, by a Committee appointed by the Grand High Priest; said Committee to report to the Grand Chapter at its Regular Convocation, within one year from the date of the Dispensation.

If the Grand Chapter approve, the Grand High Priest may appoint a time for the Consecration of said Chapter and the installation of its officers, and direct the Grand Secretary to issue a Charter bearing even date with the Dispensation. Said Chapter shall pay to the Grand Chapter fifty cents per month for the time it shall have held its Dispensation.

SECT. 2—No charter or dispensation shall be granted for holding a Mark Masters, Past Masters or Most Excellent Masters Lodge independent of a Royal Arch Chapter.

No Charter shall be granted to any Chapter until its jurisdiction shall be defined by the Grand Chapter, the same to appear in the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

SECT. 3—The Fee for a Charter for holding a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and opening lodges of Mark Mas-

ters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters, shall be One Hundred Dollars, which shall be paid to the Grand Chapter, upon receiving the Dispensation.

SECT. 4—Upon the Constitution of a new Chapter, the petitioners thereof become members of that Chapter, and they must sign the by-laws within six months; failing in which they shall be subject to ballot and fee for membership, in the same manner as Companions receiving the degrees in the Chapter, and failing to comply with this requirement.

SECT. 5—Every Chapter in this jurisdiction shall make an annual return in duplicate, to the Grand Secretary, of their officers and members, of all candidates marked, passed, acknowledged, exalted or rejected, for which purpose suitable blanks shall be furnished by the Grand Chapter.

The Annual Returns, accompanied by payment of the sum due to the Grand Chapter, shall be made to the Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of October in each year, and the failure of any Chapter to comply with this regulation before the tenth day of October shall subject such Chapter to a penalty of ten dollars.

Each subordinate Chapter, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall pay the sum of six dollars annually, ten cents per capita on the membership of the Chapter as shown in the annual return and five dollars for each candidate of the Chapter, who has been advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason during the preceding Capitular year.

ARTICLE XI.

Representation in Grand Chapter

SECTION 1—Every Chapter in this jurisdiction shall be represented by its High Priest, King and Scribe, or either of them, in person or by their respective proxies, at every Regular Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

SECT. 2—If any Chapter under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble once in any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Chapter for two years in succession, or shall fail for two successive years to make a return of its officers and members and pay its dues to this Grand Chapter, then, and in either case of delinquency, the said Chapter shall forfeit to the use of this Grand Chapter its Charter, with its Records, Jewels, Regalia and Furniture, together with its monetary and all other property of every description.

SECT. 3—The High Priest, King and Scribe, of any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, when not able to attend a Regular Convocation of the Grand Chapter, shall appoint their proxies by a commission, signed by them, to which the Seal of their Chapter shall be affixed, which commission shall not continue in force except for the Regular Convocation as defined in the Commission. Said proxies shall be members in good standing of the Chapter of which they are proxies.

ARTICLE XII.

Applications for the Degrees

SECTION 1—The application of any and every candidate who is a resident in this Commonwealth, for exalta-

tion in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing and signed by the applicant, and be in the following form, to wit:—

.....Royal Arch Chapter

To the High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions of .....Royal Arch Chapter.

I ..... having received the degree of Master Mason in.....Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of ....., having the good of the Craft at heart, and being desirous of obtaining further light in Masonry, do fraternally offer myself a candidate for the degrees conferred in your Chapter.

Should my petition be granted, I promise a cheerful compliance with all the forms and usages of the Fraternity.

Where born.....
Date of birth .....
My place of residence is .....
Occupation .....
Place of business.....
Received the degree of Master Mason.....
Member of ..... Lodge
I have ..... before applied for said degrees to ..... R. A. Chapter.

.....A.D. 19..... Signed.....

The candidate will state the entire facts. If he has never before applied he shall insert the words "never" and "any" respectively in the blank spaces above. If he has ever before applied, he shall state the number of times, and the name of the Chapter or Chapters, respectively, in the blank spaces.

Applicant shall sign name in full and not use initials. The application shall be recommended and signed by at least three Royal Arch Masons, and shall be in the following form, to wit:—

We, the subscribers, hereby certify that we are acquainted with ....., named in the above application, and believe him to be of regular and upright conduct, fair fame, sober life, and good moral character. We do therefore recommend him as a Master Mason, worthy and well qualified to be exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason.

SECT. 2—Candidates must be proposed at a regular convocation, and stand proposed from one regular convocation to another, unless a dispensation permitting other action shall be granted by the Grand High Priest.

SECT. 3—A committee of investigation, consisting of three members of the Chapter, shall be appointed whose duty it shall be to carefully and thoroughly investigate the moral character and standing of the applicant and report to the Chapter in person, or in writing over their own signatures.

SECT. 4—An application having been presented and received cannot be withdrawn, either by unanimous consent, or otherwise, but must be acted upon by report of committee and ballot, provided that if at any time, before or after the ballot, but before initiation, it is discovered that the petitioner does not belong within the jurisdiction of the Chapter, or is not of lawful age, or is otherwise not eligible, further proceedings must be stopped and the application dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

SECT. 5—No candidate shall be balloted for at any but a regular Convocation, unless dispensation therefor shall be obtained from the Grand High Priest, and then only when written or printed sealed notification of the Convocation, bearing the name, residence and occupation of the candidate to be balloted for, shall have been sent to all the members.

No ballot shall be taken, until at least a majority of the committee shall have reported to the Chapter in person, or in writing over their own signatures, and no candidate shall be received or admitted to the degrees, without an unanimous vote in his favor.

SECT. 6—In balloting for degrees or membership the High Priest may allow three ballotings at his discretion; in the first ballot if only two dissenting votes appear, the ballot may be repeated, and if one black-ball shall then appear, another ballot may be taken; and if the ballot is not then clear, the candidate must be declared rejected.

In balloting for degrees or membership, all members of the Chapter present must vote, unless excused by vote of the Chapter.

The balloting on a petition for the degrees or membership when once commenced, cannot be postponed, but must be completed and the result thereof declared. Nor can it be reconsidered.

At any time previous to the ballot, on an application for the degrees or membership, the High Priest shall, on request in writing duly signed by a member who is unavoidably absent, or for other good cause, postpone the ballot thereon until the next regular convocation, but no longer.

SECT. 7—No candidate whose application has been rejected in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall again be proposed in any Chapter in this jurisdiction within six months after such rejection; nor in any Chapter in this jurisdiction, other than that in which he was rejected, within five years, without a recommendation duly signed by nine members of said Chapter, of whom the High Priest, King and Scribe shall be three, and the consent of the Chapter by majority vote, attested by the Secretary.

SECT. 8—No action shall be taken upon the application of a candidate for the degrees, having a Masonic residence within the jurisdiction of another Chapter, without the written consent and recommendation of the High Priest, King and Scribe, of the Chapter or Chapters, within whose jurisdiction the applicant resides, or by a majority vote of the Chapter or Chapters, duly attested by the Secretary, under the Seal of the Chapter; provided however, that where there are more than two Chapters within the jurisdiction, the consent and recommendation of two shall be sufficient.

SECT. 9—A Royal Arch Mason exalted in this jurisdiction, thereby becomes a member of the Chapter which exalted him, without further ballot, except where the work has been done by request of the Grand Chapter for a subordinate Chapter, in which case, if for another Chapter in this jurisdiction, he becomes a member of that Chapter, provided he shall sign the by-laws of the Chapter of which he has been made a member within six months after his exaltation; failing in which, he shall be subject to ballot and fee for membership, provided that before any action is taken, the time may be extended by vote of the Chapter,

but if the time exceed one year a ballot must be taken. The membership fee may be waived by vote of the Chapter.

ARTICLE XIII.

Applications for Membership

SECTION 1—The application of any and every Royal Arch Mason, for membership in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing and signed by the applicant, and be in the following form, to wit:—

.....Royal Arch Chapter

To the High Priest, King, Scribe and Companions of .....Royal Arch Chapter.

I.....having received the degree of Master Mason in ..... Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of ..... member of ..... Lodge, having received the Degree of Royal Arch Mason in ..... Royal Arch Chapter, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of ..... herewith make application for Membership in your Chapter.

Where born.....
Date of birth.....
Residence is.....
Occupation .....
Place of business.....
Raised a Master Mason.....
Member of.....Lodge
Exalted R.A. Degree .....
Member of ..... Chapter
Dimit from ..... Chapter

.....A.D. 19..... Signed.....

Applicant shall sign name in full and not use initials. The application shall be recommended and signed by at least three Royal Arch Masons, and shall be in the following form, to wit:—

We, the subscribers, hereby certify that we are acquainted with ....., named in the above application, and believe him to be of regular and upright conduct, fair fame and good moral character. We do therefore recommend him as a Royal Arch Mason worthy and well qualified to receive Membership in this Chapter.

SECT. 2—No Royal Arch Mason shall be admitted a member of any Chapter under this jurisdiction, unless he shall have regularly received the Degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason.

SECT. 3—Any Royal Arch Mason may be a member of one or more Chapters under this jurisdiction, but he shall not hold elective office in more than one Chapter, at one and the same time.

SECT. 4—Applications for membership shall be subject to the same procedure as is defined in Article XII governing applications for the degrees.

SECT. 5—Upon the election of any Royal Arch Mason to membership in any Chapter in this jurisdiction, he becomes a member thereof, and must sign the by-laws within six months; failing in which he shall be subject to ballot and fee for membership, in the same manner, and subject to the same regulations, as Companions receiving the degrees in the Chapter, and failing to comply with this requirement.

ARTICLE XIV.

Subordinate Chapter—Fees and Dues

SECTION 1—No candidate shall be exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, by any Chapter under this jurisdiction, who shall not have first recorded his Mark in the Lodge-Book, nor for a less sum than twenty-five dollars, and no candidate shall be balloted for until such fee shall be paid. No note of hand, or any other form of a promise to pay, shall be taken by any Chapter, for the fees or any part of the fees.

SECT. 2—Every Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall provide for annual dues from its members, except Life, Honorary, and any other exceptions especially exempted in their By-Laws. Such dues should be based upon the requirements of the Chapter, but in no case shall be less than two dollars annually.

SECT. 3—Any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter that provides for Life Membership, must comply with the following requirements.

The fee shall not be less than ten times the annual dues, and in no case shall it be less than twenty-five dollars.

All moneys received for Life Memberships, and such other moneys as may be added by vote of the Chapter, shall constitute a permanent fund, which shall be invested in the name of the Chapter.

The management and investment of the same, shall be placed in the care of a Board of Trustees, who shall be elected by the Chapter in annual Convocation, and they shall annually make a report in writing to the Chapter, of the condition and amount of said fund, and how the same is invested.

Nothing but the income of the said fund shall be used for any purpose whatsoever, unless a notice in writing to that effect shall have been presented at a regular Convocation of the Chapter, and notice of such intended action shall have been printed on the notices of a subsequent regular Convocation and mailed to every member of the Chapter, at least one week before such action is to be taken, and then by not less than a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE XV.

Illegality of Chapters and Members

SECTION 1—No Chapter or assembly of Royal Arch Masons, that may be formed within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall be deemed legal without the sanction of a Charter or Dispensation from this Grand Chapter.

Masonic communication, either public or private is hereby strictly forbidden, between any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction, or between any member of any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction, and any Chapter or Lodge that may be so opened, or any member, or any person exalted or advanced in such illegal Chapter or Lodge.

The punishment for breach of any part of this Article shall be expulsion and exclusion from the benefits of Royal Arch Masonry.

SECT. 2—If any worthy Companion from without the jurisdiction of the United States shall present himself to any Chapter in this jurisdiction as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of having received that Degree, and that he is in good standing in his own juris-

diction, any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter is hereby authorized to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master, or any of them, on such Companion, to the end that he may be healed, and thereby become a regular Royal Arch Mason, and the subordinate Chapter conferring said degrees, free of charge, shall be exempt from any dues to the Grand Chapter therefor. Such action shall be duly recorded and reported to the Grand Secretary.

SECT. 3—No visitor shall be admitted into any Chapter in this jurisdiction, except he has qualified as a Royal Arch Mason, and has produced satisfactory evidence that he is in good standing in his own jurisdiction.

This requirement is essential, irrespective of the Degree upon which the Chapter may be opened.

ARTICLE XVI.

Subordinate Chapters—Particular Regulations

CHANGES OF LOCATION

SECTION 1—If at least a two-thirds majority of the members of any Chapter in this jurisdiction present at a Regular Convocation of their Chapter, shall vote to remove their Chapter to any other place, the Grand Chapter may authorize such removal, if recommended in writing by the Chapter or Chapters whose jurisdiction will be affected and countersigned by the District Deputy Grand High Priest, within whose jurisdiction the Chapter is, and is proposed to be located; provided that the proposed action shall be borne on the notices of the Chapter for three successive Regular Convocations, including that upon which action is taken.

DUPLICATE CHARTERS

SECT. 2—For a better preservation of the Charters, which are likely to become defaced by age or wear, any subordinate Chapter may provide itself with a copy of its Charter, and after it is certified by the Grand Secretary, such Chapter may, and is hereby authorized to use this certified copy for all Chapter purposes, except on the occasion of the visitation of an officer of the Grand Chapter, or the installation of its officers, when the presence of the original is required.

SEAL

SECT. 3—Each subordinate Chapter shall have a Seal, which shall be defined in its By-Laws. The Seal shall be affixed to all communications made to this Grand Chapter, and to all credentials which may be given by such Chapter to any member thereof, and on all other official papers issued by the Chapter.

BY-LAWS

SECT. 4—Every Chapter chartered by this Grand Chapter shall adopt by-laws for its government, and the same must conform to the constitution and regulations of the Grand Chapter. These by-laws shall fix the date of the Regular Convocations, the fee for the several degrees, the annual dues of the members, the time of the annual Convocation and election of its officers, and such other regulations as may be deemed advisable.

SECT. 5—The Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Chapter shall govern in all cases arising from inconsistency, or lack of provision in the By-Laws of any subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction.

Appearing in Public

Sect. 6—No Chapter in this jurisdiction shall appear in public, for any purpose, except on funeral occasions or for installation of officers, without a dispensation from the Grand High Priest.

Notices of Convocations

Sect. 7—Every Chapter in this jurisdiction shall send a written or printed sealed notice to all its members, of all Regular Convocations of the Chapter, giving place and time of meeting, business to be transacted, and name, address and occupation of candidates to be balloted for, with such other information as may be proper. Written or printed notice of a Special Convocation must also be sent to all members of the Chapter, and no business shall be transacted other than that borne upon the notice.

Every Chapter in this jurisdiction shall send to the Grand High Priest, and to the Grand Secretary, copies of all notices of Chapter Convocations, mailed on the same day they are sent to their own members.

Official Visitations

Sect. 8—The High Priest, or presiding officer of each Chapter, when notified of the intended official visit of the District Deputy Grand High Priest, shall convene his Chapter, receive him as the representative of the Grand High Priest, resign the chair to him while making his official visit, and submit to his inspection the Charter, By-laws, Records, Book of Marks and mode of work.

Transaction of Business

Sect. 9—The business of the Chapter may be transacted in any of the degrees, except the election and installation of officers, and visitation of Grand Officers, which must be on the Royal Arch Degree.

Time of Election and Installation

Sect. 10—The election of officers of every Chapter in this jurisdiction shall be at the Annual Convocation of the Chapter which shall be held in September or October, and they shall be installed not later than the next Regular Convocation; provided that vacancies from any cause shall be filled by election or appointment, as the case may be, and they shall be installed not later than the Regular Convocation following their election or appointment.

ARTICLE XVII.

Particular Regulations Concerning Candidates and Members

Qualifications for Masonic Residence

Section 1—In order to guard more carefully that period of acquaintance and residence which is desirable, and that Chapters may be able to acquire proper knowledge as to candidates, the length of time necessary for a Mason to reside within the jurisdiction of any Chapter in the Commonwealth, to be entitled to apply thereto for the Capitular Degrees, shall not be less than six months, during which time, he shall be under the jurisdiction of the Chapter or Chapters where he last resided for not less than six months.

Physical Requirements

Sect. 2—No Chapter under this jurisdiction shall confer the Degrees upon any candidate whose physical defects

are such as to prevent him from receiving and imparting the ceremonies of the several Degrees.

Dispensation Required for Interchange of Work

Sect. 3—No Chapter, as a Chapter, except under dispensation from the Grand High Priest, shall work any degree outside its own Lodge Room or upon candidates of other Chapters in this or any other jurisdiction.

Work of the Degrees Limited

Sect. 4—At least one day shall intervene between the conferring of the Most Excellent Degree and that of Royal Arch, on the same candidate. Of the three degrees—Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master—not more than two degrees may be conferred on the same candidate in one day. All the Degrees shall be worked in full. The Grand High Priest may grant a Dispensation permitting other action.

Failure of Candidate to Appear

Sect. 5—A candidate who fails to appear within six months after he has been notified to present himself to receive the degrees, shall forfeit the fee paid, provided he has no sufficient reason for his absence; and if the time exceed one year, the previous election shall be void.

He may regularly petition again, and if his absence is satisfactorily accounted for to the Chapter, the repayment of the fee may be waived by vote of the Chapter.

Dimits

Sect. 6—A Dimit is the severance of Chapter Membership. A member desiring a Dimit must make a written application to the Secretary. If he is clear upon the books,

and no charges are preferred against him, it must be granted.

A Dimitted Companion is in good standing as such, and may apply to any Royal Arch Chapter, at any time, for membership.

A Companion applying for membership within this jurisdiction must have a Dimit from the Chapter of which he was previously a member, or present a Certificate of Membership in a Regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Preferring Charges

Sect. 7—When any member of any Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be accused of any offense, which if proved against him would subject him to suspension or expulsion, the proceedings in the premises shall be conducted agreeably to the following rules.

1st. The accusations shall be made in writing, over the signature of a Royal Arch Mason, and given in charge to the Secretary of the Chapter, who under the direction of the High Priest shall serve, or cause to be served, an attested copy of the charges to the accused, fourteen days at least, previous to the time appointed for his examination; provided the residence of the accused shall be known and is within twenty miles of the place where the Chapter is located. If at a greater distance, but within the Grand Jurisdiction, a summons to appear and show cause, forwarded to him by mail or other conveyance, twenty days at least before the time of trial, shall be sufficient service. If the residence of the accused be unknown, the Chapter may proceed to examine the charges ex-parte.

2nd. The examination of the charges shall be had in

a Chapter specially notified and convened for the purpose, at which no visitors shall be admitted, except as counsel or witnesses.

3rd. The accused may select his own counsel, and the witnesses shall testify on their honor; hearsay evidence shall be excluded.

4th. The question "Is the accused guilty or not guilty" shall be distinctly put to each member of the Chapter present, by name, commencing with the youngest member. The answer shall be given standing, and in a distinct and audible manner. The Secretary shall record each answer as given.

5th. If the verdict be suspension or expulsion, the proceedings shall be forthwith presented to the Grand High Priest, for examination at the ensuing Regular Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

6th. A sentence of expulsion shall not take effect until confirmed by the Grand Chapter, but shall operate immediately as a suspension of the delinquent.

7th. A Companion shall have the right of an appeal to the Grand Chapter from the decision of a subordinate Chapter, he having given due notice to the subordinate Chapter in writing of his intention to appeal from its decision.

8th. Whenever this Grand Chapter shall reverse the decision of a subordinate Chapter, suspending or expelling a companion and shall restore him to the benefits and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, he shall not thereby be restored to membership within the Chapter from which he was suspended, or expelled, without its unanimous vote.

9th. In all other respects than those herein specified,

the proceedings shall be conducted agreeably to the regulations of Ancient Craft Masonry.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Amendments

SECTION 1—This Constitution and these Particular Regulations shall not be altered or amended, unless such alteration or amendment be proposed in writing at one Regular Convocation of this Grand Chapter, and at a subsequent Regular Convocation, receive the approval of not less than two-thirds of the members then present.

DIGEST OF CAPITULAR LAW

As Adopted by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts

1. *Appeal.* No appeal can be made to a Chapter from a decision of its High Priest. His decision can be reviewed only by the Grand High Priest during the recess of the Grand Chapter, or by appeal directly to the Grand Chapter.

2. *Ballot.* (*a*) In a ballot for officers, a blank piece of paper, or a vote for an ineligible candidate thrown into the ballot-box, contains no expression of the will, desire, or preference of the voter and is not to be counted as a vote.

(*b*) The ballot on a petition for the degrees or membership must be held absolutely sacred, and no member shall be required to give his reasons for the ballot which he has deposited, or disclose the manner in which he voted, under any circumstances whatever.

3. *By-Laws.* No Chapter can suspend its By-Laws, or any part of them.

4. *Candidates.* (*a*) After a petition for the Degrees or Membership is read and before a committee of investigation has been appointed, it is the right of a member to object to the application being received, in which case the High Priest shall order it to be returned to the applicant without further action on the part of the Chapter; but such objection shall not prevent the petitioner from again petitioning at a subsequent Convocation.

(*b*) In case of objection to the conferring of the Degrees on a candidate who has been elected, unless the objector announces his objections as temporary and only for the purpose of further inquiry, it shall be considered as having the effect of a black ball. The fee shall be returned, and the candidate may be permitted to petition again after the expiration of six months from the date of objection.

(*c*) Should objection be made to the advancement of a candidate after he shall have received one of the Chapter Degrees, it shall be the duty of the High Priest to order the Companion so objecting to file written charges forthwith.

All objections to advancement, after a Degree has been conferred, shall be recorded, together with the name of the objector. The objecting companion shall prefer formal charges within two months based on the grounds of his objection previously filed, and a trial shall be had thereon without delay.

Should the objecting companion fail or refuse to prefer charges within the time specified, the Chapter shall have the right to proceed in conferring the remaining Degrees, unless objection on other grounds is made by some Companion.

(*d*) A Chapter cannot waive its jurisdiction over a candidate for advancement against whom objection has been duly made.

5. *Office.* (*a*) Every member in good standing shall be eligible to any office in the Chapter.

(*b*) The officers of a Chapter are elected to serve for a term of twelve months, except when chosen to fill vacancies, and in all cases shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and installed.

(*c*) The High Priest, King, or Scribe of a Chapter cannot resign, but any other officer may do so. An installed officer cannot dimit while in office.

(*d*) Past High Priests of subordinate Chapters in this Jurisdiction shall retain the title "Excellent."

6. *Installations.* (*a*) An installation of the officers can not be held either in public or in private without first opening the Chapter. The records of the Chapter must show the installation of its officers, and records should be made only of business transacted while the Chapter is in session.

(*b*) None but present or Past High Priests are qualified to install the officers of a Chapter.

7. *Summons.* (*a*) A summons issued by a Chapter must be written or printed and under the Seal of the Chapter, and need not contain anything beyond the requisition to attend.

(*b*) On complaint of a Royal Arch Mason, the Chapter may issue a summons to the party accused, and try, and sentence him subject to the approval of the Grand Chapter.

(*c*) Every Royal Arch Mason is bound to obey the summons of his Chapter, and present himself, if within the scope of his ability.

8. *Suspension.* (*a*) Any member in arrears for dues may be suspended from membership at a regular Convocation of the Chapter by a majority vote of members of the Chapter present; provided that he must first have been duly notified by the Secretary, under seal of the Chapter, of his delinquency, and of the time and place of the proposed action thereon, at least thirty days before action is taken.

(*b*) The payment of dues shall reinstate a suspended Companion. The Secretary shall report the same to the Chapter, and the fact of such payment shall be noted in the records; provided, however, that no Companion who shall remain in arrears one year after his suspension shall be reinstated, except by a majority vote of the members of the Chapter present, and until all past dues are paid or remitted.

(*c*) Suspension for non-payment of dues of a member of any Chapter, shall operate as a suspension of his right to attend the Convocations of any Chapter in this jurisdiction until such dues are paid or remitted.

9. *Visitors.* No visitor shall be admitted into a Chapter if a member of such Chapter, who is present, objects; provided, that no objection shall be valid against any Grand Officer visiting in an official capacity; nor against any one specially deputized by the Grand High Priest to visit said Chapter; nor against a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, who is acting as counsel for a Companion on trial. Such objection shall not extend beyond the Convocation at which it is made, and shall not be recorded.

10. *Vote,—Reconsideration of.* A Chapter may reconsider any vote, except balloting on candidates, at the same or next succeeding regular Convocation; provided that the same has not gone into effect, and that due notice of such proposed action be given.

11. *Work.* Every Chapter shall practise the work as adopted by this Grand Chapter, and exemplified by the Grand Lecturers. The Ritual of the Past Masters Degree shall be confined exclusively to the text as laid down by

the Grand Chapter, and shall be conferred without any intermission or interruption in the order of progression. In the Royal Arch Degree the candidates for exaltation shall be under the exclusive control of the proper officers, and without interference by any other companion. Any Chapter wilfully violating these provisions shall be subject to discipline.

CEREMONY OF CONSTITUTION OF A NEW CHAPTER

The new Chapter U. D. will meet in its hall and open on the Royal Arch Degree; the Grand Officers will meet in an adjoining room, and on being notified by a committee of the new Chapter that its members are ready for their reception, they will proceed to the Chapter room, where being received by the new Chapter with the Private Grand Honors, the officers of the new Chapter resign their stations to the Grand Officers.

ANTHEM.

PRAYER BY THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Almighty and Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth! Who is there in Heaven but thee? and who upon earth can stand in competition with thee? Thy OMNISCIENT Mind brings all things in review, past, present and to come; thine OMNIPOTENT Arm directs the movements of the vast creation; thine OMNIPRESENT Eye pervades the secret recesses of every heart; thy boundless beneficence supplies us with every comfort and enjoyment; and thine unspeakable perfections and glory surpass the understanding of the children of men! Our Father, who art in Heaven, we invoke thy benediction upon the purposes of our present assembly. May this Chapter be established to thine honor, and consecrated

to thy glory; may its officers be endowed with wisdom to discern, and fidelity to pursue, its true interests; and may its members be ever mindful of the duty they owe to their God, the obedience they owe to their superiors, the love they owe to their equals, and the good will they owe to all mankind.

Glory be to God on high!

Response. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. So mote it be. Amen.

The Companions are seated.

ORATION.

The Deputy Grand High Priest says:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, a number of Companions, duly instructed in the sublime mysteries, being desirous of promoting the honor, and propagating the principles of the Art, have applied to the Grand Chapter for a Warrant to constitute a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which having been obtained, they are now assembled for the purpose of being constituted, and having their officers installed in due and ancient form.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST. Let the Warrant of Constitution be read.

The Grand Secretary reads the Charter, and each Companion rises in his place as his name is read.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST. Companions, do you still approve of the officers as named herein?

COMPANIONS. We do.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST. By virtue of the high powers in me vested, I do form you, my respected Companions,

into a regular Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. From henceforth you are authorized and empowered to open and hold a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Past Masters, and Most Excellent Masters, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; and to do and perform all such things as thereunto may appertain; conforming in all your doings to the Constitution and Digest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts. And may the God of your Fathers be with you, guide and direct you in all your doings.

The Grand Chaplain, with the pot of incense in his hands says:

To our most excellent patron Zerubbabel, we solemnly dedicate this Chapter. May the blessing of our heavenly High Priest descend and rest upon its members, and may their felicity be immortal. Glory be to God on high!

Response. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Companions are seated.

MUSIC, OR AN ODE.

The Deputy Grand High Priest then requests the Grand Captain of the Host to present the High Priest of the new Chapter to the Grand High Priest for installation, saying:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, I present you Companion ——, nominated in the Warrant, to be installed High Priest of this new Chapter. I find him to be skilful in the royal art, and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and have therefore no doubt he will discharge the duties of his office with fidelity.

Then follows the ceremony of installation.

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

None but present or Past High Priests are qualified to install the Officers of a Chapter. The Chapter is opened on the Royal Arch Degree. The Captain of the Host, or person acting as such, or a Past High Priest, presents the High Priest elect to the Installing Officer, and says:

————————: I present you Companion ——, elected to be installed High Priest of this Chapter. I find him to be skilful in the Royal Art and attentive to the moral precepts of our forefathers, and have therefore no doubt but he will discharge the duties of his office with fidelity.

The High Priest elect is then requested to face the Companions, and the Installing Officer says:

COMPANIONS: You now behold before you Companion ——, who has been elected to serve this Chapter as High Priest, and who now declares himself ready for installation. If any of you have any reasons to urge why he should not be installed, you will make them known now, or else forever hereafter hold your peace. Hearing no objections, I shall proceed to install him.

The Installing Officer then addresses him as follows:

MY COMPANION: I feel much satisfaction in performing my duty on the present occasion by installing you into the office of High Priest of this Chapter. It is an office highly honorable to all those who diligently perform the important duties annexed to it. Your reputed Masonic knowledge, however, precludes the necessity of a particular enumeration of those duties. I shall therefore only observe that by a frequent recurrence to the Constitution and Digest and constant practice of the several

sublime Lectures and Charges, you will be best able to fulfil them; and I am confident that the Companions who are chosen to preside with you will give strength to your endeavors and support to your exertions. I shall now propose certain questions to you relative to the duties of your office, to which I must request your unequivocal answer.

1. Do you solemnly promise that you will redouble your endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of those of your Companions who have attained this sublime degree?

2. That you will never suffer your Chapter to be opened, unless there be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons?

3. That you will never suffer a greater or less number than three brethren to be exalted in your Chapter at one and the same time?

4. That you will not exalt any one to this degree who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition; or who has not made a considerable proficiency in the foregoing degrees?

5. That you will promote the general good of our Order, and, on all proper occasions, be ready to give and receive instructions, particularly from the State Grand Officers?

6. That, to the utmost of your power, you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies, and behave in open Chapter with the most profound respect and reverence, as an example to your Companions?

7. That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any Chapter that does not work under a constitutional warrant or dispensation?

8. That you will not admit any visitor into your Chapter who has not been exalted in a Chapter legally constituted, without his being first formally healed?

9. That you will observe and support such by-laws as may be made by your Chapter, in conformity to the Constitution and Digest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts?

10. That you will pay due respect and obedience to the instructions of the Grand Officers, particularly relating to the several Lectures and Charges, and will resign the chair to them, severally, when they may visit your Chapter?

11. That you will support and observe the Constitution and Digest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, under whose authority you act?

Do you submit to all these things, and do you promise to observe and practise them faithfully?

Answer. I do.

Companion Captain of the Host, you will conduct the High Priest elect to the altar to receive the benefit of prayer and to take his official obligation.

The Captain of the Host conducts the Chaplain to the Altar, the Companions called upon to rise, and the following prayer offered:

Prayer

Most holy and glorious Lord God, the Great High Priest of Heaven and Earth:

We approach thee with reverence, and implore thy blessing on the Companion appointed to preside over this Chapter, and now prostrate before thee. Fill his heart with thy fear, that his tongue and actions may pronounce thy glory. Make him steadfast in thy service; grant him

firmness of mind; animate his heart and strengthen his endeavors. May he teach thy judgments and thy laws; and may the incense he shall put before thee, upon thine altar, prove an acceptable sacrifice unto thee. Bless him, O Lord, and bless the work of his hands. Accept us in mercy; hear thou from heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive our transgressions. Amen.

The Chaplain is then reconducted to his station, the Captain of the Host taking his position west of the Altar.

The Installing Officer then administers the following obligation:

"I, —— ——, do promise and swear that I will serve this Chapter as High Priest for the time that I have been elected; that I will perform all the duties appertaining to that office to the best of my abilities, and will support and maintain the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts and the By-Laws of this Chapter."

Companions are now seated.

The High Priest elect is then conducted by the Captain of the Host to the Installing Officer for investiture:

I now invest you with this breastplate, in imitation of that upon which were engraven the names of the twelve tribes, and worn by the High Priest of Israel, which is to teach you that you are always to bear in mind your responsibility to the laws and ordinances of the Institution, and that the honor and interests of your Chapter and its members should be always near your heart.

I present you with the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, the three great lights in every degree of Masonry. The doctrines contained in this sacred volume

create in us a belief in the dispensations of Divine Providence, which belief strengthens our faith, and enables us to ascend the first step of the Grand Masonic Ladder. This faith naturally produces in us a hope of becoming partakers of the promises expressed in this inestimable gift of God to man, which hope enables us to ascend the second step. But the third and last, being Charity, comprehends the former, and will continue to exert its influence when Faith shall be lost in sight, and Hope in complete enjoyment.

By the Square and Compasses we are taught to circumscribe our desires, and practise the duties of friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

I now deliver into your hands the Charter under which you are to work; you will receive it as a sacred deposit, and never permit it to be used for any other purposes than those expressed in it.

I present you with the Constitution and Digest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this Commonwealth, also with the By-Laws of your Chapter. You will cause all these to be frequently read and punctually obeyed. The Records of the Chapter you will cause to be carefully and correctly kept.

Lastly, I present you with this Mallet, a blow of which will command attention and restore order in the Chapter.

Let the Mitre with which you are invested remind you of the dignity of the office you sustain, and its inscription impress upon your mind a sense of your dependence upon God;—that perfection is not given unto man upon earth, and that perfect holiness belongeth alone unto the Lord.

The various colors of the robes you wear are emblematical of every grace and virtue which can adorn and beautify the human mind.

And now, in consequence of your cheerful acquiescence in the charges just recited, I declare you duly installed High Priest of this Chapter, not doubting your determination to support the honor and reputation of our sublime Order.

The High Priest is then seated by the Installing Officer who says:

Permit me, therefore, in behalf of the Craft here assembled, to offer you our sincere congratulation on your accession to the honorable station you now fill. I doubt not you will govern with such order and regularity as to convince your Companions that their partiality has not been misplaced.

Companions of —— Chapter, arise, behold your High Priest, and salute him with the honors of Royal Arch Masonry. Recollect that the prosperity of your Chapter will as much depend on your support, assistance and obedience as on his assiduity, fidelity and wisdom.

The same call is made to the King and Scribe, for objections; the same obligation (with the necessary variation of title) which has been taken by the High Priest is taken by each of the officers, and each is presented as follows:

——— ———: I hereby present Companion ——, who has been duly elected to serve this Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year and who now declares himself ready for installation.

Charge to the King

My Companion: The important station to which you are elected in this Chapter requires from you exemplary

conduct; its duties demand your most assiduous attention; you are to second and support your chief in all the requirements of his office; and in his absence to succeed him in the performance of his duties.

Your badge (the Level surmounted by a Crown) should remind you that, although you are the representative of a King, and exalted by office above your Companions, you yet remain upon a level with them, as respects your duty to God, to your neighbor, and to yourself; that you are equally bound with them to be obedient to the laws and ordinances of the Institution; to be charitable, humane and just, and to seek every occasion of doing good.

The Scarlet Robe, an emblem of imperial dignity, should remind you of the paternal concern you should ever feel for the welfare of your Chapter, and the fervency and zeal with which you should endeavor to promote its prosperity.

The Crown, which is an emblem of royalty, should remind you that to reign sovereign in the hearts and affections of men must be far more grateful to a generous and benevolent mind than to rule over their lives and fortunes; and that, to enable you to enjoy this preeminence with honor and satisfaction you must subject your own passions and prejudices to the dominion of reason and charity.

You are entitled to the second seat in the council of your Companions. Let the bright example of your illustrious predecessor in the Grand Council at Jerusalem stimulate you to the faithful discharge of your duties; and when the King of Kings shall summon you into his

immediate presence, may you receive from his hand a crown of glory which shall never fade away.

Charge to the Scribe

My Companion: The office of Scribe, to which you are elected, entitles you to the third seat in the council of your Companions. In the absence of your superior officers, you are bound to succeed them, and to perform their duties. You will, therefore, studiously endeavor to acquire such knowledge as will enable you to discharge the various duties which may devolve upon you in their absence.

The Purple Robe, with which you are invested, is an emblem of *union;* and should remind you that the harmony and unanimity of the Chapter should be your constant aim; and as the glorious sun, at its meridian height, dispels the mist and clouds which obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dissipate the gloom of jealousy and discord, whenever they may appear.

Your badge (a Plumb-rule surmounted by the Turban) is an emblem of rectitude and vigilance; and while you stand as a watchman on the tower, to guard your Companions against the approach of those enemies of human felicity, *intemperance* and *excess*, let this faithful monitor ever remind you to walk uprightly in your station; encouraging and admonishing your Companions to fidelity and industry while at labor, and to temperance and moderation while at refreshment. And when the great Watchman of Israel, whose eye never slumbers nor sleeps, shall relieve you from your post on earth, may he

permit you in heaven to enjoy the companionship of saints and angels forever in his presence.

Companion Captain of the Host, you will assemble the remaining officers elected and appointed around the altar for obligation.

(The Captain of the Host then presents for installation the Chaplain, followed by the Treasurer, Secretary and other Officers, in the order of their rank.)

Charge to the Chaplain

My Companion: You are appointed Chaplain of this Chapter, and I now invest you with this circular jewel, the badge of your office. It is emblematical of eternity, and reminds us that here is not our abiding-place. Your inclination will undoubtedly conspire with your duty, when you perform in the Chapter those solemn services which all created beings should constantly render to their infinite Creator, and when performed in a spirit of reverence and sincerity, may, by refining our morals, strengthening our virtues, and purifying our minds, prepare us for admission into the society of those above, whose happiness will be as endless as it is perfect.

Charge to the Treasurer

My Companion: You are elected Treasurer of this Chapter, and I have the pleasure of investing you with the jewel of your office. The qualities which should recommend a Treasurer are *accuracy* and *fidelity;* accuracy, in keeping a fair and minute account of all receipts and disbursements; fidelity, in carefully preserving all the property and funds of the Chapter that may be

placed in his hands, and rendering a just account of the same, whenever he is called upon for that purpose. I am confident that your respect for the Institution, your attachment to the interests of your Chapter, and your regard for a good name, which is better than precious ointment, will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office. And when your final account is rendered and you are summoned to the Grand Chapter above, may you receive the welcome greeting: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Charge to the Secretary

My Companion: With pleasure I invest you with your jewel as Secretary of this Chapter. The qualities which should recommend a Secretary are *promptitude* in issuing the notifications and orders of his superior officers, *punctuality* in attending the convocations of the Chapter, *correctness* in recording its proceedings, *judgment* in discriminating between what is proper and what is improper to be committed to writing, *regularity* in making his annual returns to the Grand Chapter, *integrity* in accounting for all moneys that may pass through his hands, and *fidelity* in paying the same over into the hands of the Treasurer. The possession of these good qualities, I doubt not, has designated you as a suitable candidate for this important office; and I feel sure that you will discharge its duties beneficially to the Chapter, and honorably to yourself. And when you shall have completed the record of your transactions here below, and finished the term of your probation, may you find your name recorded in the *Book of Life Eternal.*

Charge to the Captain of the Host

COMPANION CAPTAIN OF THE HOST: The office with which you are intrusted is of high importance, and demands your most earnest consideration; and it is indispensably necessary that the part assigned to you, in the immediate practice of our rites and ceremonies, should be perfectly understood and correctly administered.

Your office corresponds with that of Marshal or Master of Ceremonies. You are to superintend all processions of your Chapter, when moving as a distinct body, either in public or private, and as the world can judge of our private discipline only by our public deportment, you will be careful that the utmost order and decorum be observed on all such occasions. You will ever be attentive to the commands of your chief, and always near at hand to see them duly executed. I invest you with the jewel of your office, and presume that you will give to your duties all that study and attention which their importance demands.

Charge to the Principal Sojourner

COMPANION PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER: The office intrusted to you, though subordinate in degree, is equal in importance to any in the Chapter, that of your chief alone excepted. It corresponds to that of Senior Deacon in the preparatory degrees. Among the duties required of you, the preparation and introduction of candidates are not the least. As in our intercourse with the world, experience teaches that first impressions are often the most durable and the most difficult to eradicate, so it is of great importance in all cases that those impressions

should be correct and just; hence it is essential that the officer who brings the blind by a way that they know not, and leads them in paths that they have not known, should always be well qualified to make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.

Your office teaches that in the prosecution of a laudable enterprise we should never decline taking any part that may be assigned us, although it may be the most difficult or dangerous, and that when we have engaged in a virtuous cause, notwithstanding all the hardships and trials we may be destined to encounter, we should ardently and steadfastly persevere unto the end, resting assured of receiving, at the termination of our labors, a noble and glorious reward. Your past exertions will be considered as a pledge of your fidelity in the discharge of your duties, and with pleasure I invest you with the jewel of your office.

Charge to the Royal Arch Captain

COMPANION ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN: Your office corresponds with that of Junior Deacon in the preparatory degrees. You are to obey the commands of the Captain of the Host during *the introduction of strangers among the workmen;* so that should they be permitted to pass your post, they may be conducted by him into the presence of the Grand Council.

The White Banner, intrusted to your care, is emblematical of that purity of heart and rectitude of conduct which ought to actuate all those who pass the white veil of the sanctuary. I give it to you strongly in charge

never to suffer any one to pass your post without the *signet of truth.*

I present you the jewel of your office and arm you with this sword, in expectation of your performing your duties with intelligence and courage.

Charge to the Master of the Third Veil

COMPANION MASTER OF THE THIRD VEIL: I present you with the Scarlet Banner, which is the ensign of your office, and with a sword to protect and defend the same. The rich and beautiful color of your banner is emblematical of *fervency* and *zeal;* it is the appropriate color of the Royal Arch Degree, and admonishes us that we should be fervent in the exercise of our devotions to God, and zealous in our endeavors to promote the happiness of man.

Charge to the Master of the Second Veil

COMPANION MASTER OF THE SECOND VEIL: I invest you with the Purple Banner, which is the ensign of your office, and arm you with a sword to enable you to maintain its honor.

The color of your banner is produced by a due mixture of blue and scarlet; the former of which is the characteristic color of the *symbolic* or *first three degrees of Masonry*, and the latter, that of the *Royal Arch Degree.* It is an emblem of *union*, and admonishes us to cultivate and improve that spirit of union and harmony which should ever distinguish the members of a society founded upon the principles of everlasting truth and universal philanthropy.

Charge to the Master of the First Veil

COMPANION MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL: I invest you with the Blue Banner, which is the ensign of your office, and a sword for its defence and protection. The color of your banner is one of the most durable and beautiful in nature. It is the appropriate color adopted and worn by our ancient brethren of the three symbolic degrees, and is the peculiar characteristic of an institution which has stood the test of ages, and which is as much distinguished by the durability of its materials or principles as by the beauty of its superstructure. It is an emblem of universal *friendship* and *benevolence;* and instructs us that, in the mind of a Mason, those virtues should be as expansive as the blue arch of heaven itself.

Charge to the Three Masters of the Veils, as Overseers

COMPANIONS: As Overseers of the work, you should be well qualified to judge of its beauties and defects. This consideration should induce you to cultivate and improve all those qualifications with which you are already endowed, as well as to persevere in your endeavors to acquire those in which you are deficient. Let no work receive your approbation but such as is calculated to strengthen and adorn the Masonic edifice. Be industrious and faithful in practising and disseminating a knowledge of the *true and perfect work*, which alone can stand the test of the *Grand Overseer's Square* in the great day of trial and retribution. Let the various colors of the banners committed to your charge admonish you to the exercise of the several virtues of which they are emblematic.

Enjoin the practice of those virtues upon all who shall present themselves, or the work of their hands, for your inspection. Then, although every *rod* should become a *serpent*, and every serpent an enemy to this Institution, yet shall their utmost exertions to destroy its reputation or sap its foundation, become as impotent as the *leprous hand*, or as *water spilled upon the ground*, which cannot be gathered up again.

Charge to the Stewards

COMPANIONS: You are appointed Stewards of this Chapter, and I now invest you with the jewels of your office. You will see that every necessary preparation is made for the convenience and accommodation of the Chapter, previous to the time appointed for meeting, and that proper care is taken of the paraphernalia at the close of each convocation. You will see that all Companions are properly entertained at refreshment, and perform such other service as may be required; and I have no doubt that a faithful performance of these humble duties will recommend you for future preferment.

Charge to the Organist

MY COMPANION: You are appointed Organist of this Chapter, and I invest you with this jewel of your office. Under the direction of the High Priest you will conduct the musical exercises of the Chapter. As harmony is the strength and support of all institutions, so may the harmony over which you shall preside strengthen and support every gentle and ennobling emotion of the soul.

Charge to the Tyler

MY COMPANION: You are appointed Tyler of this Chapter, and I invest you with the jewel and this implement of your office. As the sword is placed in the hands of the Tyler to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of all cowans and eavesdroppers and suffer none to pass or repass but such as are duly qualified, so it should morally serve to admonish us to set a guard over our thoughts, a watch at our lips, to post a sentinel over our actions, thereby excluding every unworthy thought, word or deed, thus preserving consciences void of offence towards God and man.

As the first application from visitors for admission into the Chapter is generally made to the Tyler at the door, your station will often present you to the observation of strangers; it is, therefore, essentially necessary that he who sustains the office with which you are intrusted should be a man of good morals, steady habits, strict discipline, temperate, affable and discreet. I trust that a just regard for the honor and reputation of the Institution will ever induce you to perform with fidelity the trust reposed in you; and when the door of this earthly tabernacle shall be closed, may you find an abundant entrance through the gates into the temple and city of our God.

The following may be given at the discretion of the Installing Officer.

Address to the High Priest

EXCELLENT COMPANION: Having been honored with the free suffrages of the members of this Chapter, you

are elected to the most important office which it is within their power to bestow. This expression of their esteem and respect should draw from you corresponding emotions; and you should repay the honor they have so conspicuously conferred upon you by an honorable and faithful discharge of your duties. You must be sensibly aware that the public reputation of the Institution will be generally found to rise or fall according to the skill, fidelity, and discretion with which its concerns are managed, and as the characters and conduct of its principal officers are estimable or censurable.

You have accepted a trust to which is attached a responsibility that will require all your efforts to discharge honorably to yourself and satisfactorily to the Chapter. You are to see that your officers are capable and faithful in the exercise of their duties. Should they lack ability, you are expected to supply their defects; and to see that the long-established customs of the Institution suffer no derangement in their hands. You are to have a careful eye over the general conduct of the Chapter; see that due order and subordination are observed on all occasions; that the members are properly instructed; that due solemnity is observed in the practice of our rites; and that no improper levity is permitted at any time, but more especially during the *introduction of strangers among the workmen.*

In fine, you are to be an example to your officers and members, which they need not hesitate to follow; thus securing to yourself the applause of your Companions and the favor of heaven.

Address to the Officers Generally

COMPANIONS IN OFFICE: Precept and example should ever advance with equal pace. Those moral duties which you are required to teach, you should never neglect to practise.

Let your conduct towards your associates be such as to merit their esteem and respect. Let your desire to obtain knowledge be equalled by a willingness to instruct others. Do you desire distinction among your Companions? Be sure that your claims to preferment are founded upon superior attainments; let no ambitious passion induce you to envy or supplant a Companion who may be considered as better qualified for promotion than yourselves, but rather let a laudable emulation induce you to strive to excel each other in improvement and discipline, ever remembering that he who faithfully performs his duty, even in a subordinate or private station, is as justly entitled to esteem and respect as he who is invested with supreme authority.

Charge to the Chapter

COMPANIONS: The character and good standing of your Chapter is so well established that I must presume this consideration alone, were there no others of greater magnitude, would be sufficient to induce you to maintain this valuable and honorable reputation. But when to this is added the pleasure which every philanthropic heart must feel in doing good, in promoting good order, in diffusing light and knowledge, in cultivating Masonic and Christian charity, which are the great objects of this sublime Institution, I cannot doubt that your future

conduct, and that of your successors, will be such as to increase the lustre of your justly esteemed reputation.

May your Chapter become *beautiful* as the *temple*, *peaceful* as the *ark*, and *sacred* as its *most holy place*. May your oblations of *piety* and *praise* be *grateful* as the *incense*, your love *warm* as its *flame*, and your charity diffusive as its fragrance. May your hearts be *pure* as the *altar*, and your conduct *acceptable* as the *offering*. May the exercise of your *charity* be as constant as the returning wants of the distressed *widow* and helpless *orphan*. May the approbation of Heaven be your encouragement, and the testimony of a good conscience your support; may you be endowed with every good and perfect gift, while *travelling* the *rugged path* of life, and finally be *admitted within the veil* of Heaven, to the full enjoyment of life eternal. So mote it be. Amen.

Companion Captain of the Host, you will make the customary proclamation.

The Captain of the Host then makes the following proclamation.

In the name of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, I hereby proclaim the officers of —— Chapter to be duly installed into their respective offices.

Chapters by District

DISTRICT No. 1.

St. Andrew's	Boston	Mt. Vernon	Roxbury
St. Paul's	Boston	Dorchester	Dorchester
St. Matthew's	South Boston	Roslindale	Roslindale

DISTRICT No. 2.

Washington	Salem	Amity	Beverly
Sutton	Lynn	Ipswich	Ipswich
William Ferson	Gloucester	Swampscott	Swampscott
Holten	Danvers	Henry J. Mills	Saugus

DISTRICT No. 3.

Adoniram	New Bedford	King Hiram	Attleboro
Fall River	Fall River	Wareham	Wareham
St. Mark's	Taunton	Rabboni	North Attleboro
		Fairhaven	Fairhaven

DISTRICT No. 4.

Worcester	Worcester	Doric	Southbridge
Eureka	Worcester	Tyrian	Millbury
King Solomon's	Warren	St. Elmo	Whitinsville
		Webster	Webster

DISTRICT No. 5.

Morning Star	Springfield	Evening Star	Westfield
Hampden	Palmer	Unity	Chicopee Falls
Mt. Holyoke	Holyoke	Kingsway	West Springfield

DISTRICT No. 6.

Franklin	Greenfield	Crescent	Orange
Northampton	Northampton	Amherst	Amherst
Union	Athol	James Rogerson	Easthampton

DISTRICT No. 7.

Pilgrim.....Abington
St. Stephen's.....Quincy
Samoset.....Plymouth
Satucket.....Brockton
Pentalpha . . .East Weymouth
Harmony.....Bridgewater
Old Colony.....Middleboro
Mt. Wollaston.....Wollaston
Wompatuck.....Hingham

DISTRICT No. 8.

Waverly.....Melrose
Mystic.....Medford
Menotomy.....Arlington
Woburn.....Woburn
Reading.....Reading
Chapter of the Tabernacle
Malden
Bethsaida .....Everett
Winchester.....Winchester

DISTRICT No. 9.

King Cyrus.....Newburyport
Mt. Horeb.....Lowell
Pentucket.....Haverhill
Mt. Sinai.....Lawrence
Trinity.....Amesbury

DISTRICT No. 10.

Berkshire.....Pittsfield
Corinthian.....Adams
Composite.....North Adams
Monument..Great Barrington

DISTRICT No. 11.

Thomas.....Fitchburg
Clinton..... Clinton
North Star.....Winchendon
Bancroft.....Ayer
Gardner.....Gardner
Leominster.....Leominster

DISTRICT No. 12.

Orient.....Hyannis
Isle of the Sea.....Nantucket
Vineyard....Vineyard Haven
Joseph Warren..Provincetown
Sylvester Baxter.West Harwich

DISTRICT No. 13.

Concord.....Framingham
Waltham.....Waltham
Houghton.....Marlboro
Watertown.....Watertown
Parker.....Natick
Newton.....Newtonville
Walden.....Concord

DISTRICT No. 14.

Mt. Zion.....Stoughton
Mt. Lebanon.....Milford
Key-Stone.....Foxboro
Norfolk.....Hyde Park
Miller.....Franklin
Hebron.....Norwood

DISTRICT No. 15.

St. John's.....East Boston
Cambridge.....Cambridge
Somerville.....Somerville
Chapter of the Shekinah
Chelsea
Chapter of the Signet
Charlestown
Winthrop.....Winthrop
Belmont.....Belmont

JURISDICTION OF CHAPTERS

Adoniram Chapter, New Bedford . . . District No. 3
Exclusive jurisdiction over Dartmouth and New Bedford. Concurrent over Achusnet and Rochester with Fairhaven Chapter, over Freetown with Fall River Chapter and over Gosnold with Isle of the Sea and Vineyard Chapters.

Amherst Chapter, Amherst. . . . . District No. 6
Exclusive jurisdiction over Amherst, Leverett, Pelham, Shutesbury and Sunderland.

Amity Chapter, Beverly . . . . . District No. 2
Exclusive jurisdiction over Beverly, Manchester and Wenham.

Bancroft Chapter, Ayer. . . . . District No. 11
Exclusive jurisdiction over Ayer, Boxboro, Groton, Littleton, Pepperell, Shirley. Concurrent jurisdiction over Harvard with Clinton Chapter; over Townsend with Thomas Chapter and over Westford with Mount Horeb Chapter.

Belmont Chapter, Belmont. . . . . District No. 15
Exclusive jurisdiction over Belmont.

Berkshire Chapter, Pittsfield. . . . . District No. 10
Exclusive jurisdiction over Becket, Dalton, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesboro, Lenox, Peru, Pittsfield, Richmond, Washington and Windsor. Concurrent jurisdiction with Monument Chapter over Lee.

Bethsaida Chapter, Everett. . . . . District No. 8
Exclusive jurisdiction over Everett.

Cambridge Chapter, Cambridge. . . District No. 15
Exclusive jurisdiction over Cambridge.

Clinton Chapter, Clinton. . . . . District No. 11
Exclusive jurisdiction over Berlin, Bolton, Boylston, Clinton, Lancaster and Sterling. Concurrent jurisdiction over Harvard with Bancroft Chapter.

Composite Chapter, North Adams, District No. 10
Exclusive jurisdiction over Charlemont, Clarksburg, Florida, Heath, Hawley, Monroe, New Ashford, North Adams, Rowe, and Williamstown.

Concord Chapter, Framingham. . . District No. 13
Exclusive jurisdiction over Ashland and Framingham. Concurrent with Houghton Chapter over Southboro; with Parker Chapter over Sherborn and over Sudbury with Walden Chapter.

Corinthian Chapter, Adams. . . . . District No. 10
Exclusive jurisdiction over Adams, Cheshire and Savoy.

Crescent Chapter, Orange. . . . . District No. 6
Exclusive jurisdiction over Erving, New Salem, Orange, Prescott, Warwick and Wendell. Concurrent over Northfield with Franklin Chapter.

Dorchester Chapter, Dorchester. . . . District No. 1
Exclusive with St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, St. Matthew's, Mt. Vernon, and Roslindale Chapters, also St. John's Chapter, East Boston and the Chapter of the Signet, Charlestown, of the 15th District, over the City of Boston, (with the exception of that part of the City formerly known as Hyde Park) and the Town of Brookline. Concurrent over Milton with Norfolk, St. Stephen's and Mt. Wollaston Chapters.

Doric Chapter, Southbridge. . . . . District No. 4
Exclusive over Charlton, Holland, Southbridge, Sturbridge and Wales.

Eureka Chapter, Worcester . . . . . District No. 4
Exclusive jointly with Worcester Chapter over Holden, Leicester, Oakham, Paxton, Rutland, Spencer, West Boylston and Worcester. Concurrent over Auburn and Shrewsbury with Tyrian Chapter.

Evening Star Chapter, Westfield. . . . District No. 5
Exclusive over Blandford, Chester, Granville, Huntington, Montgomery, Russell, Sandisfield, Southwick, Tolland, and Westfield.

Fairhaven Chapter, Fairhaven. . . . . District No. 3
Exclusive jurisdiction over Fairhaven and Mattapoisett. Concurrent over Acushnet and Rochester with Adoniram Chapter.

Fall River Chapter, Fall River. . . . . District No. 3
Exclusive jurisdiction over Fall River, Somerset, Swansea and Westport. Concurrent over Freetown with Adoniram Chapter.

Franklin Chapter, Greenfield. . . . . District No. 6
Exclusive jurisdiction over Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Greenfield, Gill, Leyden, Montague, Shelburne. Concurrent over Northfield with Crescent Chapter.

Gardner Chapter, Gardner ..... **District No. 11**
Exclusive jurisdiction over Ashburnham, Gardner and Hubbardson. Concurrent jurisdiction over Westminster with Thomas Chapter.

Hampden Chapter, Palmer ..... **District No. 5**
Exclusive jurisdiction over Belchertown, Enfield, Monson, Palmer and Wilbraham. Concurrent Jurisdiction over Brinfield with King Solomon's Chapter.

Harmony Chapter, Bridgewater .... **District No. 7**
Exclusive jurisdiction over Bridgewater, East Bridgewater and West Bridgewater. Concurrent Jurisdiction over Lakeville with St. Mark's Chapter.

Hebron Chapter, Norwood ..... **District No. 14**
Exclusive jurisdiction over Norwood. Concurrent jurisdiction over Medfield and Walpole with Key-Stone Chapter; over Westwood with Norfolk Chapter.

Henry J. Mills Chapter, Saugus .... **District No. 2**
Exclusive jurisdiction over Saugus.

Holten Chapter, Danvers ..... **District No. 2**
Exclusive jurisdiction over Danvers, Middleton and Topsfield. Concurrent jurisdiction over Peabody with Washington Chapter.

Houghton Chapter, Marlborough .. **District No. 13**
Exclusive jurisdiction over Hudson, Marlboro, Northboro and Westboro. Concurrent Jurisdiction over Southboro with Concord Chapter.

Ipswich Chapter, Ipswich ..... **District No. 2**
Exclusive jurisdiction over Ipswich, Hamilton and Rowley. Concurrent jurisdiction over Essex with William Ferson Chapter.

Isle of the Sea Chapter, Nantucket, District No. 12
Exclusive jurisdiction over Nantucket. Concurrent jurisdiction over Gosnold with Adoniram and Vineyard Chapters.

James Rogerson Chapter, Easthampton
District No. 6
Exclusive jurisdiction over Easthampton. ~~Southampton~~ and Westhampton

Joseph Warren Chapter, Provincetown
District No. 12
Exclusive jurisdiction over Provincetown, Truro and Wellfleet.

Key-Stone Chapter, Foxboro ..... **District No. 14**
Exclusive jurisdiction over Foxboro and Mansfield. Concurrent jurisdiction over Medfield and Walpole with Hebron Chapter; over Wrentham with Miller and Rabboni Chapters; over Sharon with Mount Zion Chapter.

King Cyrus Chapter, Newburyport, District No. 9
Exclusive jurisdiction over Newburyport and Newbury. Concurrent jurisdiction over Georgetown and West Newbury with Pentucket Chapter; over Salisbury with Trinity Chapter.

King Hiram Chapter, Attleboro .... **District No. 3**
Exclusive jurisdiction over Attleboro, Norton, Rehoboth and Seekonk.

King Solomon's Chapter, Warren .. **District No. 4**
Exclusive jurisdiction over Brookfield, Hardwick, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Ware, Warren, West Warren and West Brookfield. Concurrent jurisdiction over Brimfield with Hampden Chapter.

Kingsway Chapter, West Springfield, District No. 5
Exclusive jurisdiction over West Springfield and Agawam

Leominster Chapter, Leominster .. **District No. 11**
Exclusive jurisdiction over Leominster.

Menotomy Chapter, Arlington ..... **District No. 8**
Exclusive jurisdiction over Arlington and Lexington.

Miller Chapter, Franklin ..... **District No. 14**
Exclusive jurisdiction over Franklin, Millis and Norfolk. Concurrent jurisdiction over Wrentham with Key-Stone and Rabboni Chapters; over Bellingham and Medway with Mt. Lebanon Chapter.

Monument Chapter, Great Barrington
District No. 10
Exclusive jurisdiction over Alford, Egremont, Great Barrington, Monterey, Mount Washington, New Marlborough, Otis, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Tyringham and West Stockbridge. Concurrent jurisdiction over Lee with Berkshire Chapter.

Morning Star Chapter, Springfield, District No. 5
Exclusive jurisdiction over ~~Agawam,~~ East Longmeadow, Hampden, Longmeadow and Springfield.

Mount Holyoke Chapter, Holyoke .. **District No. 5**
Exclusive jurisdiction over Holyoke and South Hadley.

Mount Horeb Chapter, Lowell . . . . . District No. 9
Exclusive jurisdiction over Billerica, Chelmsford, Dunstable, Dracut, Lowell, Tewksbury and Tyngsborough. Concurrent over Westford with Bancroft Chapter.

Mount Lebanon Chapter, Milford, District No. 14
Exclusive jurisdiction over Holliston, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Mendon, Milford and Upton. Concurrent jurisdiction over Medway and Bellingham with Miller Chapter.

Mount Sinai Chapter, Lawrence . . . . District No. 9
Exclusive jurisdiction over Andover, Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover.

Mount Vernon Chapter, Roxbury . . District No. 1
Exclusive jointly with St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, St. Matthew's, Dorchester and Roslindale Chapters, also St. John's Chapter, East Boston and the Chapter of the Signet, Charlestown, of the 15th District, over the City of Boston, (with the exception of that portion formerly the Town of Hyde Park) and the Town of Brookline. Concurrent jurisdiction over Milton with Norfolk, St. Stephen's and Mt. Wollaston Chapters.

Mount Wollaston Chapter, Wollaston
District No. 7
Exclusive jurisdiction jointly with St. Stephen's Chapter over the City of Quincy. Concurrent jurisdiction over Milton with the Boston Chapters and Norfolk Chapter.

Mount Zion Chapter, Stoughton . . District No. 14
Exclusive jurisdiction over Canton, Randolph and Stoughton. Concurrent jurisdiction over Easton with Satucket Chapter and over Sharon with Key-Stone Chapter.

Mystic Chapter, Medford . . . . . District No. 8
Exclusive jurisdiction over Medford.

Newton Chapter, Newtonville . . . . . District No. 13
Exclusive jurisdiction over the City of Newton and Needham. Concurrent jurisdiction over Weston with Waltham Chapter.

Norfolk Chapter, Hyde Park . . . . . District No. 14
Exclusive jurisdiction over Dedham and Hyde Park. Concurrent jurisdiction over Milton with the Boston Chapters and St. Stephen's and Mt. Wollaston Chapters; over Westwood with Hebron Chapter.

Northampton Chapter, Northampton
District No. 6
Exclusive jurisdiction over Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Hadley, Hatfield, Middlefield, Northampton, Plainfield, ~~Southampton~~, Whatley, ~~Westhampton~~, Worthington and Williamsburg.

North Star Chapter, Winchendon, District No. 11
Exclusive jurisdiction over Templeton and Winchendon.

Old Colony Chapter, Middleboro . . . District No. 7
Exclusive jurisdiction over Middleboro.

Orient Chapter, Hyannis . . . . . District No. 12
Exclusive jurisdiction over Barnstable, Hyannis, Mashpee, Sandwich and Yarmouth.

Parker Chapter, Natick . . . . . District No. 13
Exclusive jurisdiction over Dover, Natick, Wayland and Wellesley. Concurrent jurisdiction over Sherborn with Concord Chapter.

Pentalpha Chapter, East Weymouth, District No. 7
Exclusive jurisdiction over Braintree and Weymouth.

Pentucket Chapter, Haverhill . . . . . District No. 9
Exclusive jurisdiction over Boxford, Groveland and Haverhill. Concurrent jurisdiction over Georgetown and West Newbury with King Cyrus Chapter and over Merrimac with Trinity Chapter.

Pilgrim Chapter, Abington . . . . . District No. 7
Exclusive jurisdiction over Abington, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland and Whitman.

Rabboni Chapter, North Attleborough
District No. 3
Exclusive jurisdiction over North Attleborough and Plainville. Concurrent jurisdiction over Wrentham with Key-Stone and Miller Chapters.

Reading Chapter, Reading . . . . . District No. 8
Exclusive jurisdiction over Lynnfield, North Reading, Reading and Wakefield. Concurrent jurisdiction over Wilmington with Woburn Chapter.

Roslindale Chapter, Roslindale.... District No. 1
Exclusive jurisdiction jointly with St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, St. Matthew's, Mt. Vernon and Dorchester Chapters, also St. John's Chapter, East Boston, and the Chapter of the Signet, Charlestown, of the 15th District (over the City of Boston, with the exception of that portion formerly the Town of Hyde Park) and the Town of Brookline. Concurrent jurisdiction over Milton with Norfolk, St. Stephen's and Mt. Wollaston Chapters.

St. Andrew's Chapter, Boston.....District No. 1
Exclusive jurisdiction jointly with St. Paul's, St. Matthew's, Mt. Vernon, Dorchester and Roslindale Chapters, also St. John's Chapter, East Boston and the Chapter of the Signet, Charlestown, of the 15th District, over the City of Boston (with the exception of that portion formerly the Town of Hyde Park) and the Town of Brookline. Concurrent jurisdiction over Milton with Norfolk, St. Stephen's and Mt. Wollaston Chapters.

St. Elmo Chapter, Whitinsville.....District No. 4
Exclusive jurisdiction over Blackstone, Douglas, Millville, Northbridge, Uxbridge and Whitinsville. Concurrent over Sutton with Tyrian Chapter.

St. John's Chapter, East Boston...District No. 15
Exclusive jurisdiction jointly with St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, St. Matthew's, Mt. Vernon, Dorchester and Roslindale Chapters of the 1st District and the Chapter of the Signet, 15th District, over the City of Boston (with the exception of that section formerly the Town of Hyde Park) and the Town of Brookline. Concurrent jurisdiction over Milton with Norfolk, St. Stephen's and Mt. Wollaston Chapters.

St. Mark's Chapter, Taunton.....District No. 3
Exclusive jurisdiction over Berkley, Dighton, Raynham and Taunton. Concurrent jurisdiction over Lakeville with Harmony Chapter.

St. Matthew's Chapter, South Boston
District No. 1
Exclusive jurisdiction jointly with St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, Mt. Vernon, Dorchester and Roslindale Chapters, also St. John's Chapter, East Boston and the Chapter of the Signet, Charlestown, of the 15th District, over the City of Boston (with the exception of that portion formerly the Town of Hyde Park) and the Town of Brookline. Concurrent jurisdiction over Milton with Norfolk, St. Stephen's and Mt. Wollaston Chapters.

St. Paul's Chapter, Boston.....District No. 1
Exclusive jurisdiction jointly with St. Andrew's, St. Matthew's, Mt. Vernon, Dorchester and Roslindale Chapters, also St. John's Chapter, East Boston, and the Chapter of the Signet, Charlestown, of the 15th District, over the City of Boston (with the exception of that portion formerly the Town of Hyde Park) and the Town of Brookline. Concurrent jurisdiction over Milton with Norfolk, St. Stephen's and Mt. Wollaston Chapters.

St. Stephen's Chapter, Quincy.....District No. 7
Exclusive jurisdiction with Mt. Wollaston over Quincy. Concurrent jurisdiction over Milton with the Boston Chapters and Norfolk Chapter.

Samoset Chapter, Plymouth.....District No. 7
Exclusive jurisdiction over Carver, Duxbury, Kingston, Plymouth and Plympton.

Satucket Chapter, Brockton.....District No. 7
Exclusive jurisdiction over Avon, Brockton and Holbrook. Concurrent jurisdiction over Easton with Mt. Zion Chapter.

Shekinah, Chapter of the, Chelsea, District No. 15
Exclusive jurisdiction over Chelsea and Revere.

Signet, Chapter of the, Charlestown, District No. 15
Exclusive jurisdiction jointly with St. John's Chapter, East Boston, and St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, St. Matthew's, Mt. Vernon, Dorchester and Roslindale Chapters, District No. 1, over the City of Boston, (with the exception of that section formerly the Town of Hyde Park) and the Town of Brookline. Concurrent with Norfolk, St. Stephen's and Mt. Wollaston Chapters over Milton.

Somerville Chapter, Somerville....District No. 15
Exclusive jurisdiction over Somerville.

Sutton Chapter, Lynn.....District No. 2
Exclusive jurisdiction over Lynn and Nahant.

Swampscott Chapter, Swampscott..District No. 2
Exclusive jurisdiction over Swampscott.

Sylvester Baxter Chapter, West Harwich
District No. 12
Exclusive jurisdiction over Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham, Harwich and Orleans.

Tabernacle, Chapter of the, Malden, District No. 8
Exclusive jurisdiction over Malden.

Thomas Chapter, Fitchburg.....District No. 11
Exclusive jurisdiction over Ashby, Fitchburg, Lunenburg and Princeton. Concurrent jurisdiction over Townsend with Bancroft Chapter and with Gardner Chapter over Westminster.

Trinity Chapter, Amesbury.....District No. 9
Exclusive jurisdiction over Amesbury. Concurrent jurisdiction over Merrimac with Pentucket Chapter and over Salisbury with King Cyrus Chapter.

Tyrian Chapter, Millbury.....District No. 4
Exclusive jurisdiction over Grafton and Millbury. Concurrent jurisdiction over Auburn, Shrewsbury, with Eureka and Worcester Chapters; over Sutton with St. Elmo Chapter and over Oxford with Webster Chapter.

Union Chapter, Athol.....District No. 6
Exclusive jurisdiction over Athol, Barre, Dana, Greenwich, Petersham, Phillipston, Royalston.

Unity Chapter, Chicopee Falls.....District No. 5
Exclusive jurisdiction over Chicopee, Granby and Ludlow.

Vineyard Chapter, Vineyard Haven, District No. 12
Exclusive jurisdiction over the Island of Martha's Vineyard. Concurrent jurisdiction over Gosnold with Adoniram and Isle of the Sea Chapters.

Walden Chapter, Concord .....District No. 13
Exclusive jurisdiction over Acton, Bedford, Carlisle, Concord, Lincoln, Maynard and Stow. Concurrent jurisdiction over Sudbury with Concord Chapter.

Waltham Chapter, Waltham.....District No. 13
Exclusive jurisdiction over Waltham. Concurrent jurisdiction over Weston with Newton Chapter.

Wareham Chapter, Wareham.....District No. 3
Exclusive jurisdiction over Bourne, Falmouth, Marion and Wareham.

Washington Chapter, Salem.....District No. 2
Exclusive jurisdiction over Marblehead and Salem. Concurrent jurisdiction over Peabody with Holten Chapter.

Watertown Chapter, Watertown...District No. 13
Exclusive jurisdiction over Watertown.

Waverly Chapter, Melrose.....District No. 8
Exclusive jurisdiction over Melrose and Stoneham.

Webster Chapter, Webster.....District No. 4
Exclusive jurisdiction over Webster and Dudley. Concurrent jurisdiction over Oxford with Tyrian Chapter.

William Ferson Chapter, Gloucester, District No. 2
Exclusive jurisdiction over Gloucester and Rockport. Concurrent jurisdiction over Essex with Ipswich Chapter.

Winchester Chapter, Winchester ...District No. 8
Exclusive jurisdiction over Winchester.

Winthrop Chapter, Winthrop .....District No. 15
Exclusive jurisdiction over Winthrop.

Woburn Chapter, Woburn .....District No. 8
Exclusive jurisdiction over Burlington and Woburn. Concurrent jurisdiction over Wilmington with Reading Chapter.

Wompatuck Chapter, Hingham....District No. 7
Exclusive jurisdiction over Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Scituate.

Worcester Chapter, Worcester.....District No. 4
Exclusive jurisdiction, jointly with Eureka Chapter, over Holden, Leicester, Oakham, Paxton, Rutland, Spencer, West Boylston and Worcester. Concurrent jurisdiction over Auburn and Shrewsbury with Tyrian Chapter.

Regalia

SECTION 1. The aprons of the Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be as follows: 15 x 17 inches with scarlet satin center 11½ x 10¼ inches, with white satin border 1¾ inches wide, with heavy twisted pattern gold fringe two inches deep on apron and flap. Flap shall be of white satin with twisted cord of gold bullion to define the body of the same.

Aprons for Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe shall have white satin tabs with gold flat tassels on the ends, and shall be embroidered on the lower corners, flaps and tabs in lily-of-the-valley gold embroidery.

The emblems on the flaps of the aprons shall be: Grand High Priest, Jewish breastplate; Deputy Grand High Priest, square with Jewish mitre on top; Grand King, level with crown on top; Grand Scribe, plumb with turban on top.

Aprons will be lined with scarlet satin and have scarlet satin tie strings or cords.

Aprons for other officers to be same as above, except without the two tabs, and without any embroidery whatever except on the flap, which will have a triple-tau and triangle within a circle, embroidered in gold bullion and with twisted cord of gold bullion to define the body of the same.

Past Grand High Priests' aprons shall be the same as that of the Grand High Priest with the exception that the emblem shall consist of a triple triangle, or nine-pointed star.

Aprons of Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past

Grand Kings and Past Grand Scribes shall be the same as the aprons of the active officers except there shall be no circle around the emblems.

Aprons for members of the Grand Chapter, other than above, shall be white with flap—the apron and flap bordered with scarlet.

The jewels of the Grand Officers shall be as follows: Grand High Priest, breastplate of Jewish High Priest; Deputy Grand High Priest, square with Jewish mitre on top; Grand King, level with crown on top; Grand Scribe, plumb with turban on top; Grand Chaplain, open Bible within a circle; District Deputy Grand High Priests, breastplate within a circle; Treasurer, crossed keys; Secretary, crossed pens; Grand Lecturer, 47th Problem of Euclid; Captain of the Host, knight with sword and shield; Principal Sojourner, pilgrim with staff; Royal Arch Captain, suspended sword; Master of the Third Veil, signet of Zerubbabel; Master of the Second Veil, hand; Master of the First Veil, serpent; Stewards, cornucopia; Organist, harp; Tyler, crossed swords.

The jewels of all officers of the Grand Chapter, except that of Grand High Priest, shall be enclosed within a triangle.

The jewels of Past Grand High Priests shall be of the style and pattern now in use.

The jewels of other permanent members of the Grand Chapter shall bear the emblems of the offices represented enclosed within an equilateral triangle whose sides shall be not more than 1½ inches in length, and to conform to designs provided by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter. They may be suspended from a pin or bar ornamented

with emblems or initials appropriate to the Chapter or to the recipient of the jewel.

The collars of the Grand Officers shall be chains of gold or gilt metal, lined with scarlet velvet.

The jewel of Past District Deputy Grand High Priests shall be a breastplate within a circle, not to exceed 1½ inches diameter, suspended from a pin or bar bearing the number of the District over which they have presided, the whole to conform to the design on file in the office of the Grand Secretary.

SECT. 2. The jewels of subordinate Chapters shall be as follows: High Priest, breastplate of Jewish High Priest; King, level, surmounted by a crown, embossed on a gilt metal circular plate; Scribe, plumb, surmounted by a turban, embossed on a gilt circular plate; Treasurer, crossed keys; Secretary, crossed pens; Chaplain, circle; Captain of the Host, knight with sword and shield; Principal Sojourner, pilgrim with staff; Royal Arch Captain, suspended sword; Master of Third Veil, signet of Zerubbabel; Master of Second Veil, hand; Master of First Veil, serpent; Stewards, cornucopia; Organist, harp; Tyler, crossed swords.

The jewels of all officers of the Chapter, from and including the Captain of the Host to the Tyler, shall be enclosed within a triangle.

The jewel of a Past High Priest shall be a breastplate surmounted by a Jewish mitre within the square and compasses, suspended from a bar or heading which may display emblems or initials appropriate to the Chapter or to the recipient of the jewel.

The collars of officers shall be of gilt metal. The ornamentation shall be significant of Royal Arch Masonry. The collars may be lined with scarlet velvet.

The aprons of officers may be made of silk or satin. The body and flap must be white, outlined with a gold braid; beyond this a wide scarlet border. The flap must be triangular in shape. Apron and flap shall be trimmed with gold fringe. The ties shall be of scarlet ribbons or cords.

Aprons of a Past High Priest may be the same as above with a breastplate on the flap and without tabs.

SECT. 3. *Robes and Paraphernalia.*—The use of robes for officers is optional with the Chapter. When used, must be appropriate in character and have the approval of the Grand High Priest.

Swords and belts must be provided for the Captain of the Host, Royal Arch Captain, and three Masters of the Veils and Tyler.

Banners. The banners shall be as follows:

Royal Arch Captain—White, with figure of Eagle and the name Dan.

Third Veil—Scarlet, with figure of Man and the name Ephraim.

Second Veil—Purple, with figure of an Ox and the name Reuben.

First Veil—Blue, with figure of Lion and the name Judah.

Veils. The veils shall correspond in color with the banners.

MASONIC CALENDAR.

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it ANNO LUCIS (A. L.), "in the year of light."

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, ANNO MUNDI (A. M.), "in the year of the world."

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, ANNO INVENTIONIS (A. I.), "in the year of the discovery."

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed, ANNO DEPOSITIONIS (A. Dep.), "in the year of the deposit."

Knights Templars commence their era with the organization of their order, ANNO ORDINIS (A. O.), "in the year of the order."

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, ANNO BENEFACIO (A. B.) "in the year of the blessing."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES.

Ancient Craft Masons. Add 4000 years to the common era. Thus: 1929 and 4000—5929.

Scottish Rite. Add 3760 to the common era. Thus: 1929 and 3760—5689. After September add another year.

Royal Arch. Add 530 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1929 and 530—2459.

Royal and Select Masters. Add 1000 to the common era. Thus: 1929 and 1000—2929.

Knights Templars. From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: 1118 from 1929—811.

Order of High Priesthood. To the Christian era add 1913, the Year of Blessing. Thus: 1929 and 1913—3842.

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